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Major showroom fire guts cars, spare parts

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&BCT)- A major fire was reported in a car showroom and service station in the city in the wee hours of today and at least four cars have been gutted. A couple of them have been partially damaged.

Fire has been extinguished now by four fire tenders and the exact worth of the damage — whether the gutted cars are new ones or were brought in there for service and repairs — is yet to be assessed. Fortunately, the fire was contained before it spread to the first floor where many brand-new cars were stored, ready for delivery.

The fire was reported at Advaith Hyundai Showroom and Service Station in front of the Christ the King Convent (CKC) High School on JLB Road. Short circuit is suspected to be the reason. However, it is not confirmed yet.

People who stay near the vicinity and a few apartment residents noticed thick smoke billowing from the showroom in the wee hours and they immediately alerted the Fire Service Department at Saraswathipuram.

Four fire tenders and personnel rushed to the spot and battled with raging flames. Fire was extinguished only after five to six hours, said residents of the area. As it was a holiday for the showroom today, staff had to be called from their homes to assess the damage. Shelves, spare parts sections, storage areas, wooden partitions, furniture, oils and lubricants stored inside were destroyed.

According to sources in the showroom, a formal complaint would be lodged after assessing the damage and the actual reason for the fire is not yet known. "We have just come here and we will look into the damage. Four cars have been completely damaged and two have suffered partial damages. We will have to take the inventory before determining the extent of loss," said a showroom employee present at the scene of the fire.

Night curfew from Dec. 28 till Jan. 7; 10 pm to 5 am

No New Year Eve public gatherings; guidelines unclear on private parties

Bengaluru, Dec. 26 (BCT)- The Karnataka Government has announced that a night curfew will be in place from 10 pm to 5 am for 10 days, starting from Dec. 28. In the light of the rising number of Omicron cases and in order to curb the spread of the Coronavirus in the State, the State Government has announced a series of restrictions ahead of New Year's Eve.

The decision was announced after a meeting held this morning by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai with several Ministers including the Health, Revenue and Home Ministers, as well as officials of the Health Department and the COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee.

Along with the night curfew, all gatherings and New Year's parties in public places will be prohibited, State Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar announced. Pubs, restaurants and other eateries will be allowed to have only 50 percent occupancy on Dec. 31, he said.

However, the guidelines are not clear on small New Year parties organised at homes, private venues, farmhouses and the likes. As there are curbs on public gatherings, people would want to celebrate the arrival of 2022 privately but the rules are silent on this.

"Night curfew is imposed from 28-12-2021 (10 pm) until 07-01-2022 (5 am). From 30-12-2021 till 02-01-2022, restaurants, hotels, clubs, pubs and clubs will function with 50 percent of their seating capacity strictly adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour. All staff members of the said entities must mandatorily possess COVID-negative RT-PCR report and will be fully vaccinated with two doses of vaccine," stated the guidelines.

"All gatherings, meetings, conferences including marriages from 28-12-2022 should strictly limit the number of participants to 300 people only. The responsibility to enforce the same lies with the organisers. There shall be intensive patrolling and surveillance at all border districts adjoining Maharashtra and Kerala to prevent the spread, particularly Omicron variant," the guidelines added.

"There will be no functions, parties in the external premises, especially for those celebrating with DJs and large gatherings, they have been completely banned. We need to understand that Omicron spreads very quickly," Minister Dr. Sudhakar said.

He also urged the public to receive the second dose of the vaccine as soon as possible. "Today, our State has 38 cases (of the variant). So before it spreads to more people, people need to get both doses of the vaccine," the Minister added.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Sunday 26th December 2021

Calling rehabilitation workers for T. Narasipur TMC

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SSM)- Under urban rehabilitation scheme, the Department for Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens, T. Narasipur Town Municipal Council (TMC) has invited applications from eligible persons for appointment as Rehabilitation Workers.

Applications may be submitted by those candidates who reside within the municipality limits aged between 18 and 45 years and with a minimum qualification of a pass in SSLC. Visually impaired, partial-hearing disability and differently abled candidates are eligible to apply. Women candidates will be given preference. Candidates must be able to go around TMC limits for collection of information or providing facilities.

The final decision and selection will be made after checking candidates' eligibility and capability in performing duties assigned by the Government. This is not a permanent Government job and any request regarding the same is not entertained.

Prescribed application forms are available at the Office of T. Narasipur Town Municipal Council and the filled-in forms, along with self-attested relevant documents, identity card/ duly authorised medical certificate must be submitted before Jan. 7 by 4 pm. For details contact, TMC Disability Branch Officer S. Kemparaju, according to a press release from T. Narasipur TMC Chief Officer H.R. Basavaraju.

Kisan Credit Card Distribution Campaign on Feb. 15

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SSM)- The Department of Animal Husbandry has organised Statewide Kisan Credit Card Campaign on Feb. 15, 2022. In order to provide financial assistance at low interest rates from nationalised banks for farmers who are engaged in Dairy, Sheep, Goat, Pig and Poultry farming, the Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services has organised Kisan Credit Card Distribution Campaign. Eligible candidates may submit their application along with a copy of Aadhaar card, RTC (Record of Rights, Tenancy and Crops) and 2 passport size photos at the nearby Veterinary Institute.

For details contact respective Taluk Veterinarians - Mysuru: 98450-96933, Nanjangud: 94804-77243, K.R. Nagar: 98456-23137, Hunsur: 94483-14996, Periyapatna: 94493-91811, T. Narasipur: 91649-69898, H.D. Kote: 99004-29993, Sargur: 88925-80150, according to a press release from Deputy Director, Department of Animal Husbandry, Mysuru District.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

As is universally understood now, the pandemic's most visible impact on white-collar work has been the dramatic increase in employees working remotely. While normalcy may moderate this trend, there is consensus that it is here to stay. But what may finally prove to be more disruptive are complementarity flexibilities, for example in work contracts. In what could set a trend among large corporates in India, HUL has launched 'U-Work' and 'Open2U' offers to employees and gig workers respectively, providing different combinations of flexi-work, financial security and medical benefits. From the corporate point of view this flexi-curity is key to the talent pool that has outgrown the 40-40-40 model, whereby office workers wanted to be employed for 40 hours a week, 40 weeks a year, for 40 years. The enduring rigidity of that model has been blamed for India's failures to either attract investment away from China or grow formal employment. Simultaneously, the white-collar tech and managerial segments, the unicorns and 'soonicorns' have seen a real war for talent. It follows that the new flexi-curity will also simultaneously sound attractive and sinister, depending on where one stands in the 'wanted' list of the white-collar job market. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tiny book fetches big price at auction

Brussels: A tiny book measuring just 5 millimeters on each side surprised auctioneers in Brussels by selling for 4,739.11 dollars. Arenberg Auctions said the book, which contains the Catholic Lord's Prayer printed in Dutch, English, American English, French, German, Spanish and Swedish, was one of a few hundred published by the Gutenberg Museum in Mainz, Germany, in 1952 as a fundraising project to pay for post-war reconstruction efforts.

The book measures just 5 millimeters — about .2 inch — on each side. The auction house said the book was expected to sell for up to 1,700 dollars, but surprised auctioneers by fetching a high bid of 3,949.61 dollars. Additional costs brought the total price to 4,739.11 dollars.

Rescued kittens turn out to be leopard cubs

Dhar: A man, who rescued what he thought were a pair of abandoned kittens on his property and brought them inside his home later discovered they were leopard cubs.

Forest Department officials in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district said Kiran Giri, a farmer from Bajrikheda Village, discovered the baby felines in his field and brought them inside because he thought they were abandoned kittens suffering from the recent cold weather.

Giri told officials the felines started to recover from the cold after three days inside his house and he grew suspicious when they appeared to be growling instead of meowing. Giri notified local Police, who in turn contacted the Forest Department.

The department staff took custody of the felines and confirmed they were leopard cubs, a male and a female.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Physiotherapy is a drug-free treatment option. Certainly, a patient may participate in physiotherapy while on medications, but physiotherapists use drug-free, exercise-based remedies to treat a person's ailments.

By Aruna Malar Selvi - Department of Physiotherapy
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Training for budding entrepreneurs

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (ASC)- Karnataka Skill Development Corporation (KSDC), Bengaluru in association with Spoorthy Performance Solutions (SPS), Mysuru, has implemented a Nano Entrepreneurship Programme (NEP) under Skills Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion (SANKALP) Scheme to create, develop and handhold grassroot level entrepreneurs.

NEP, as the name suggests, is an innovative Government programme that helps low-level entrepreneurs learn skills and gain business knowledge. NEP will identify and motivate 200 amateur entrepreneurs and provide special attention to women. Proper guidance on how to start a business, its various stages involved during the process and how to overcome the challenges will be provided. The training is imparted by experienced mentors in various fields, free of cost.

The Govt. will not provide any subsidy to start a business under this programme. To register for the training, visit the link [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScLTog7yuBn9kVS-bCG2ij0KrRRNUy1bHiX6A-D9ZqyuwCbmlrg/viewform].

For details, call: 97415-01631 or email: *nepksdc@gmail.com*

REALLY...?

- ***With a height of 18 Meters, the Gommateshwara Statue is considered the world's largest Monolith Statue. This colossus of Gommateshwara is a famous pilgrimage spot of Jains in South India. The statue is situated in Shravanabelagola and was built by Thimmanna Ajila in 1604 AD.***
- ***Gold Mine: Located about 100 kilometres from Bangalore, the Kolar Gold Fields used to be one of the largest gold mines in the country before its shutting down in 2001. With a depth of 3000m, the field was the world's second deepest gold mine.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Two children are talking.
A: *Meet my new-born brother.*
B: *Oh, he is so handsome! What's his name?*
A: *I don't know. I can't understand a word he says!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.11
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.56
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.45
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.11

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 25
Day's Positive Cases	13	13
Total Positive Cases	1,80,205	1,80,218
Day's Discharges	22	11
Total Discharges	1,77,649	1,77,660
Day's Deaths	1	0
Total Deaths	2,436	2,436
Total Active Cases	120	122

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Garbage and construction debris on Helipad Road

Sir,

Travelling on the road towards the Helipad near Lalitha Mahal Palace, there is a dump with garbage strewn around and another with construction debris on the roadside.

This area is a beautiful part of our city and several people go for walks on this road. It is a pity that people are disfiguring the beauty of this area with such irresponsible acts.

I request the authorities concerned to take action to get these dumps removed before they grow larger and require more effort and expenses to clear the debris. Steps could also be taken to prevent this kind of dumping.

—A concerned citizen

Mysuru

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Jabs for 15-18 group

from Jan. 3, says PM Modi

Booster dose for seniors with comorbidities from Jan. 10

New Delhi, Dec. 26 (Agencies)- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced yesterday that teenagers in the 15-18 age group would be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination and frontline & health workers and senior citizens above the age of 60 with comorbidities on the advice of doctors would be eligible for a what he termed a "precaution" or third dose.

In a late-evening televised address to the nation, Modi announced the dates for the commencement of this vaccination process. Jan. 3, 2022 will see the roll-out of vaccination for 15- to 18-year-olds, while Jan. 10 will be the commencement date for "precaution dose" for healthcare workers and the elderly with comorbidities.

The announcement comes on the back of the Drug Controller General of India (DGCI) giving emergency usage nod for Bharat Biotech's Covaxin to be used for children aged 12-18.

"All our decisions with regard to vaccination, their research, approval and certification has been scientifically driven as has our vaccination drive and who is eligible to be vaccinated first, in that regard, these decisions today were made," the PM said.

Vaccinations for children aged between 15 and 18, he said, will not only help protect them as schools have reopened in many places but also go a long way in assuring worried parents.

Narendra Modi

Doctors welcome move

The medical fraternity of the country has welcomed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's announcement that those in the age group of 15-18 years will be getting the jabs from next month. They said that children above 5 years of age should be vaccinated.

"It is a welcome decision. The next plan should be to vaccinate children above 5 years old. Paediatricians should be allowed to vaccinate these children in their clinics," doctors said.

"Not only should we target 13 years plus children, but also we should target 5 year olds also. That should be our next plan. All paediatricians should be allowed to vaccinate these children in their clinics if we want to expedite the vaccination process," they added.

Most of the children from this age group visit paediatric clinics and the process of vaccination can be expedited rather than limiting it to a few vaccination centres.

In the course of his nearly 15-minute address, the PM urged caution without panic in dealing with Omicron variant. He gave an overview of ground-level preparations already made by the Government with regard to healthcare systems in anticipation of Omicron and taking lessons from the second wave.

"Currently, nearly 90 percent of all those eligible for vaccines have had at least one dose, and 61 percent of the eligible population has had both doses. We have over 18 lakh hospital beds available, out of which five lakh beds are oxygen supported. Almost 90,000 intensive care unit (ICU) beds are for children alone and over 30,000 PSA oxygen plants have been set up across the country," Modi said on the healthcare infrastructure ramp up after the second wave devastated India in the summer months.

"I would ask that you not to panic but maintain caution in the face of the new mutation of the Coronavirus. Maintain use of masks and frequently wash hands. As we have faced the Coronavirus, our ability to fight it has also improved," he said.

MYBUILD 21 from Jan. 20 to 24

Entries invited for cultural events, competitions

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, in association with Mysore Builders' Charitable Trust (MBCT), is organising the mega construction material expo MYBUILD 21 between Jan. 20 and 24, 2022 at Maharaja College Ground in city. There will be cultural events as well as competitions during this expo every day between 6.30 pm and 9 pm.

The organisers have invited interested passionate artistes to participate in the 'Talents of Mybuild' competitions in the following categories:

Jan. 23: Short Humorous Skit Competition [Contact Raviratnakara on Mob: 94484-85496 (WhatsApp)]; **Jan. 24:** Dance Competition [Contact Geethashree Subramanya Rao on Mob: 94484-92460].

Preference will be given to those who register at the earliest. Suitable prizes will be given for the winners, according to a press release from Sathish Mohan, MyBuild 21 Chairman.

CESC public contact meeting

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has organised a public contact meeting at its K.R. Nagar Sub-Division office tomorrow (Dec. 27) at 11 am.

Power consumers can attend the meeting and air their grievances related to CESC in writing and find solutions, according to a press release.

Obituary

Chemira Radha Changappa

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Chemira Radha Changappa (Nayakanda), a resident of No. 1202, *Radhe Shyam,* 7th Main, 12th 'B' Cross, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away early this morning. She was 62.

She leaves behind her husband Ramesh Changappa, daughter Thanisha Changappa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this afternoon.

J. Rayappa

J. Rayappa (61), a resident of N.R. Mohalla here, passed away at a hospital in city last evening. He leaves behind his wife Clara (retired teacher), two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Anthony's Basilica in Dornahalli today followed by burial at Dornahalli burial ground.

www.narayanahealth.org
We welcome Dr. Yashavantha Kumar K Y to the Department of Nephrology.
He has done his MBBS from MMC, Mysore, MD (General Medicine) from NRS Medical College, and DNB from Manipal hospital bangalore. He has more than 3 years of experience & prior joining he was associated with Vydehi Institute of Medical Sciences, Bangalore.
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KDP meeting

The quarterly Karnataka Development Programme (KDP) progress review meeting of Mysuru Taluk Panchayat (TP) will take place at Abdul Nazeer Saab Hall at ZP Office here on Dec. 27 at 10 am. Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside.

Skill Development Training Prog.

Family Planning Association of India (FPA India), Mysuru, has organised Computer Training, Beautician course, Tailoring and Home Nursing Training Programme. The qualification is SSLC (Pass/Fail) or Ebullient or Higher Education and age limit for both male and female candidates is 18 years to 35 years. Interested may register by Dec. 31. For details contact Mob: 81970-24989 or 87628-50960, according to a press release from the Branch Manager, FPA India, Mysuru.

Bags prize in PRCI Talent Hunt

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Department of Journalism and Communication, University of Mysore, has secured second place in the Talent Hunt competition conducted by Public Relation Council of India (PRCI) recently. She got the prize after competing with 40 chapters of PRCI across the country. She presented her debate on 'Use of Social Media for Political Communication.' Presently she also heads the Mysore Chapter of PRCI.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.06	feet
Yesterday	:	124.34	feet
Inflow	:	2,078	cusecs
Outflow	:	4,467	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.43	feet
Inflow	:	781	cusecs
Outflow	:	700	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,854.46	feet
Inflow	:	544	cusecs
Outflow	:	50	cusecs

Newspaper distributors should be brought under unorgansied sector: Former MLA Vasu

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Eshwar Prasad of Gowrishankar Book Depot, R. Puttaswamy, C.K. Raghupathi (CKR) and Ashwath, who were felicitated at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, are seen with former MLA Vasu, MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar and others. Picture right shows the former MLA handing over financial assistance to Manjula (wife of late Shivakumar).***

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (PM&DM)- Stressing on the need for bringing newspaper distributors under the unorganised sector, former MLA Vasu has called for greater exerting pressure on the Government in this regard.

He was speaking after inaugurating the fifth anniversary of Mysuru Zilla Adhikruta Patrika Pratinidhigala Sangha at Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) office on Tyagaraja Road in city yesterday, during which the Sangha's New Year calendar (2022) was released and senior news paper distributors were felicitated.

Pointing out the job of newspaper distributors is a very important one as they deliver newspapers at the doorsteps of readers, braving sun, rains, cold and inclement weather, Vasu said that they must be brought under unorganised sector, for which he will make efforts.

Highlighting the role of newspaper distributors in the growth of print media, Vasu observed that though reports on the problems of workers of unorganised sector appear in newspapers, it is ironical that newspapers distributors themselves are an unorganised lot.

Regretting that he could not help much to newspaper distributors who approached him during the COVID pandemic due to lack of medical facilities, Vasu opined that many COVID deaths were due to lack of medical equipments and expert care.

Maintaining that the media should throw light on the shortcomings in the health sector as it would help in reforming the sector, the former MLA said that the Government should consider extending benefits for news paper distributors.

Stating that he has given Rs. 50,000 for the Sangha's Health care fund, Vasu said he was ready to give another Rs. 50,000. However, the money given by him alone will not be enough and as such the Sangha should look at other means of fund raising.

Expressing reservations about NEET Medical Entrance exam, which has replaced the earlier CET, Vasu said that this new exam has only benefited students from other states as they grab a good number of medical seats in colleges of Karnataka. He cautioned that this development would be disastrous for the state in the coming years.

Senior newspaper distributors Eshwar Prasad of Gowrishankar Book Depot, R. Puttaswamy, C.K. Raghupathi (CKR) and Ashwath were felicitated. Also, Manjula (wife of late Shivakumar), Siddappa, Sridhar Kumar, Puttaswamy (represented by his son), Lakshman Swamy, M.D. Gundappa, Ranganath and Chikkaiah received financial assistance on the occasion.

Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portraits of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Bipin Rawat, actor Puneeth Rajkumar and the city's Newspaper House Owner Sridhar, who passed away recently.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar, General Secretary M. Subramanya, the Sangha President P. Suresh, General Secretary A. Ravi, *'Mysuru Mithra'* and *'Star of Mysore'* newspapers Chief Circulation Manager T.S. Gopinath and others were present during the occasion.

Former MLA Vasu releasing the Mysuru Zilla Adhikruta Patrika Pratinidhigala Sangha's New Year calendar (2022) at the Sangha's fifth anniversary celebration at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday as others look on.

Omicron surge: Central teams to camp in 10 States including Karnataka

New Delhi, Dec. 26 (UNI)- With eight percent increase in fresh COVID-19 infections in the country, the Centre on Saturday decided to deploy multi-disciplinary teams to 10 States identified with surge in Omicron numbers, apart from continued rise in COVID-19 cases and slow vaccination pace.

These Central teams will help add teeth to the efforts of the States and District Administrations for management of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Mizoram, Karnataka, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Punjab will see these teams stationed in the State for 3 to 5 days, said the Ministry of Health in an official statement.

"The teams will specifically look into contact tracing, surveillance, containment operations, vaccination process, besides availability of hospital beds, sufficient logistics, ambulance, ventilators, medical oxygen," it added.

The Ministry has also asked the teams to assess the situation, suggest remedial actions and submit report every evening by 7 pm.

The dictate comes after Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting on Thursday to review the COVID-19 situation in the country. Attended by top officials from the Health Ministry, Home Ministry and other Ministries and Departments, the meeting was held when Omicron number crossed 300 in the country.

On Saturday, with 415 cases of the new highly transmissible variant, the country saw restrictions in various States as the year-end celebrations kicked in with the Christmas festivities.

As of Dec. 25, Maharashtra has recorded a maximum of 108 Omicron cases, followed by Delhi 79, Gujarat 43, Telangana 38, Kerala 37, Tamil Nadu 34 and Karnataka 31 among 10 other States.

Hanuma Jayanti celebrated with fervour in front of Palace

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&DM)- Performance of puja and rituals to the idol of Lord Anjaneya marked the celebration of Hanuma Jayanti organised by Mysuru Hanuma Jayantotsava Samiti in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple at the Palace North Gate here on Saturday.

The event was marked by showering of petals *(Pushparchane)* to Hanumantha idol placed on a decorated chariot *(Ratha)*. Priest S.V. Prahlad Rao performed the rituals. Speaking after showering petals on the idol, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said he has prayed Lord Anjaneya (Hanumantha) for the health, prosperity and well-being of the people. He has also prayed for eradication of COVID pandemic and bring happiness to the people.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar in his address, said that, 'It is a matter of delight that Hanuma Jayanti is being celebrated in the city with fervour. He has prayed the almighty to bring about peace and happiness in everyone', he added. Though a grand procession was part of the celebration, this time due to COVID restrictions, the customary procession did not take place.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, District Brahmin Assn. President D.T. Prakash, Rashtriya Hindu Samiti President Vikas Shastri, Actor Suraj, Mysuru Hanumantotsava Samiti office-bearers Sanjay, Pailwan Jeevan Kumar, V.N. Das, Prajeesh, Vikas, Bilwakumar and Abhilash were present.

To boost innovations in waste management…

Swachh Technology Challenge launched

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&BCT)- Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U 2.0) under the aegis of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has launched the Swachh Technology Challenge.

The challenge is intended to harness the entrepreneurial potential of the waste management sector in India and promote an enabling environment for enterprise development under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0, MoHUA has said.

The challenge is a step towards Atmanirbhar Bharat, which triggers innovation in indigenous, cost effective technologies that are easy to replicate and scale-up, and can be put to use by ULBs to implement various components of SBM-U 2.0 on the ground.

Over the years, SBM-U has been encouraging innovations and best practices particularly through Swachh Survekshan, the annual cleanliness survey conducted by MoHUA. This trend has been rising over the years with over 4,000 innovations and best practices having been identified since 2018.

Swachh Technology Challenge will particularly seek solutions in four thematic categories — social inclusion, zero dump (solid waste management), plastic waste management and transparency through digital enablement.

Designed as a sub-component of the 'Citizen Engagement' component under Swachh Survekshan 2022, the challenge endeavours to invite solutions not just from start-ups but also individual entrepreneurs, educational institutions, local businesses, research and development organisations, NGOs and other citizen groups to help city administration efficiently manage mission operations.

The active participation of cities in the challenge will have a direct bearing on their performance in the 'Citizen Engagement' component of Swachh Survekshan 2022 and thus their overall ranking in the survey, the Ministry said.

The top three solutions in each of the four thematic categories from across the country will be felicitated at the Swachh Survekshan award ceremony hosted by MoHUA. As an additional incentive, top three State-level solutions will be rewarded with a cash prize — Rs. 25,000, Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,000.

Interested parties can post their projects on https://forms.gle/F6bJLFzvshPqwLTd9 before Dec. 31.

Start-Up Challenge

To further incentivise the start-up ecosystem, MoHUA will also launch a Swachhata Start-Up Challenge as an extension to the Swachh Technology Challenge in January 2022. Winning solutions from start-ups under Swachh Technology Challenge will be eligible to participate in the Swachhata Start-Up Challenge to be run in collaboration with Agence Française de Développement (AFD).

Winning entries under the challenge will be rewarded with seed funding of Rs. 25 lakh per project along with one year of dedicated incubation support from French Tech, the French Government's initiative to promote start-ups.

Man gets life term for elderly lady's rape, murder

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SBD&BCT)- The Seventh Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to undergo life imprisonment for raping and killing a senior citizen. Judge Yeshwanth Kumar pronounced the judgement on Friday.

The convicted is 38-year-old Lakshminarayana Murthy alias Murthy from M. Komarapalayam village in Sathyamangala in Tamil Nadu. He worked as a labourer in Mysuru and used to sleep on footpaths on Sayyaji Rao Road. He was accused of raping and murdering 65-year-old Saliyamma, a resident of RMC Yard on Sept. 2, 2018.

Saliyamma was partially blind and as such, her neighbour Pradeep Kumar used to go to her house every day at 6.30 pm to light a candle. On Sept. 2 that year, Pradeep went to Saliyamma's house and called her but there was no response. Suspiciously, he entered the house and when he was about to enter one of the rooms, Pradeep saw Murthy rushing out.

Later, Pradeep called his friend Vikram and entered the house while Murthy took to heels. Saliyamma was dead and the Police found that she was raped and strangulated.

Mandi Police registered a case and the then Inspector Ansar Ali had submitted a charge-sheet to the Court. Meanwhile, Murthy, who was on the run, was arrested and all the medical tests, circumstantial evidence and eye-witness accounts nailed Murthy.

Finding Murthy guilty of rape and murder, the judge sentenced him to life imprisonment and also imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000. Public Prosecutor K. Nagaraj had argued for the State.

Man goes missing in city

Bhaskar Babu

Mysuru, Dec. 26 - M. Bhaskar Babu, a 28-year-old man and a resident of KIADB Layout, Hebbal in city, who left home on Dec. 20, has not returned since then, according to a complaint lodged in Hebbal Police Station.

Bhaskar Babu, who worked for a technical firm in Vijayanagar, is said to have left behind a note while leaving home. He is 5'5" in height, medium built, wheatish in complexion, round faced and wore a Dark coloured full-arm T-Shirt and Blue coloured Jeans pant. Those coming across any clues about the said missing person, can contact Hebbal Police Station Ph: 0821-2418318, 2418339.

Flower Show brings back Winter Festival memories

Throughout year Police Band at Palace from Jan. 1, 2022: Minister Somashekar

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SBD&BCT)- The Flower Show, Dolls Show and cultural programmes that were inaugurated at Mysore Palace last evening brought back memories of the Mysore Winter Festival that was held in city for the first time in 2017, only to be cancelled later.

The Flower Show is being held after a gap of two years and true to its beauty, hundreds of tourists flocked the Palace premises to see the tastefully decorated campus. The show was inaugurated by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Though the show was organised amidst the threat of the Omicron variant of the Novel Coronavirus, strict protocols were followed and only those who have taken the two doses of vaccines were allowed entry.

Hundreds of flower varieties including Roses, Orchids, Chrysanthemum, Gerbera, Lilium, Spray Chrysanthemum, Lilies, Dahlia, Marigold, Blue Daisy, cut flowers from Ooty and a wide variety of Bonsais are on display.

The floral replica of Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya is a major attraction and workers have readied it in 12 days. Idols of Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshmana and Hanuman have been kept inside the replica. Also, floral idols of Goddess Sri Chamundeshwari, a Christmas Tree model, statue of Jayachamaraja Wadiyar, floral replica of a queen in palanquin, replica of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen. Bipin Rawat who died in a chopper crash at Coonoor in Tamil Nadu recently and late actor Puneeth Rajkumar are on display.

These apart, floral replicas of Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, who downed a Pakistan jet during an aerial combat in February 2019 at the Line of Control (LoC) and a replica of Olympic Gold Medal Hero Neeraj Chopra are attracting crowds.

Police band performance

Inaugurating the Flower Show, Minister Somashekar announced that Police Band would perform in the Mysore Palace premises throughout the year from Jan. 1, 2022. The band show will be held from 6.30 pm.

The Minister recalled the contribution of Mysuru Wadiyars to the overall development of the region and said, a photo expo depicting their works was attention-grabbing. The construction of the KRS Dam across the Cauvery entailed the members of the royal family to pledge their personal gold and diamonds and raise loans which has benefited not only lakhs of farmers but has ensured drinking water to millions of people, he said.

As part of the cultural programme, 'Geetha Namana' was offered to late actor Puneeth Rajkumar by playback singer Vijay Prakash and troupe.

This evening, there will be a music programme by playback singers Ajay Warier, Sriharsha, Vyasraj, Ankita Kundu, Sunitha Jogi and Divya Ramachandra.

MLA Nagendra, Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, SP R. Chethan, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, Palace Board Dy. Director T.S. Subramanya and Chairmen of various Boards & Corporations were present.

District Minister S.T. Somashekar offering floral tributes to a portrait of late actor Puneeth Rajkumar at 'Geetha Namana' organised as part of cultural programme at Palace premises last evening. Picture right shows Dolls Show organised as part of the Palace Flower Show.

State-level Farmers Convention begins

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai to officially inaugurate this afternoon

Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi, former Chairman, Farm Produce Price Commission, addressing the gathering at the Farmers Convention in Kalamandira this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&DM)- The day-long State-level Farmers Convention, organised jointly by the Federation of State Farmer Organisations and State Sugarcane Growers Association as part of World Farmers Day, began at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road this morning, with the singing of Raitha Geethe.

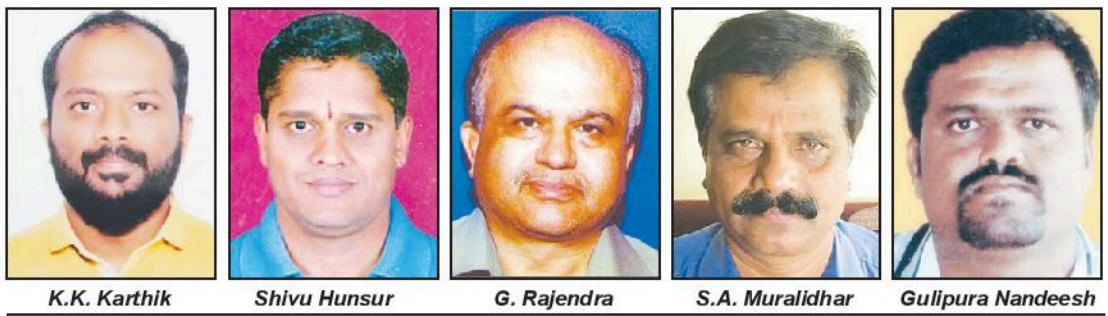
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai will formally inaugurate the Convention this afternoon while Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will take part in the valedictory to take place later this evening.

The rendering of 'Raitha Geethe' was followed by a seminar and interaction on 'Agriculture and farmer issues,' in which former Farm Produce Price Commission Chairman Dr. T.N. Prakash Kammardi, K.V. Biju of Kerala's Swadeshi Andolana, farmer leader of Tamil Nadu Rama Goundar, Agricultural writer from Sirsi Shivananda Kalave,Head of Farmers Income Doubling Committee of the Government of India Ashok Dalwai, State President of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha V.R. Narayana Reddy, Sugarcane Growers Association President Kurubur Shantakumar, Vishwa Raitha Dinacharane Samiti (World Farmers Day Celebration Committee) President Dr. S. Shivarajappa, farmer activist G.V. Lakshmidevi and others were present.

Earlier, Dr. M. Mahadevaiah, former Principal of the city's Basudev Somani College, welcomed the gathering.

Farmer representatives from different parts of the State are attending the Convention, which also features a Photo Exhibition of Farmer Movements at Kalamandira's Suchitra Art Gallery.

Two Mysuru journalists bag KUWJ Annual Awards



K.K. Karthik *Shivu Hunsur* *G. Rajendra* *S.A. Muralidhar* *Gulipura Nandeesh*

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Two journalists each from Mysuru and Kodagu districts and one from Chamarajanagar are among the winners of the State Annual Awards given by Bengaluru-based Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ).

K.K. Karthik, reporter of *The New Indian Express* English Daily at Mysuru, has bagged 'K.A. Nettakallappa Award' for best sports report while **Shivu Hunsur,** reporter of *Vijayavani* Kannada Daily at Hunsur, has bagged 'R.L. Vasudevarao Award' for best article on wildlife.

Kodagu's *Shakti* Newspaper Editor **G. Rajendra** has bagged 'Rajashekar Koti Award' for his over four-decades service to the field of Journalism while *Kannada Prabha* Somwarpet taluk Reporter **S.A. Muralidhar** has bagged 'Mandibele Shyamanna Memorial Award' for best report on rural issues.

Gulipura Nandeesh, Chamarajanagar district reporter of *Doordarshan's Chandana* Kannada Channel, has bagged 'Girijamma Rudrappa Talikote Award.' Nandeesh is a resident of Yelandur in Chamarajanagar district and had served in different newspapers before joining *Doordarshan.*

The awards will be conferred at KUWJ's Annual Conference slated to take place at Kalaburagi on Jan. 3 and 4.

'Funeral rites' performed for felled trees at Yadavagiri

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (RKB&DM)- Expressing anguish over overnight felling of trees, nearly a hundred Yadavagiri residents, environmental activists and nature lovers, under the leadership of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) performed 'Funeral rites' this morning for two cut down fully grown and Green Gulmohar trees close to a hospital on Yadavagiri's Vivekananda Road near Ta.Ra.Su Circle (Akashavani Circle), off KRS Road.

The two trees, which provided shelter to citizens and patients visiting the hospital and provided clean air in the surroundings for over 40 years, were chopped off overnight recently.

While a Priest performed the associated 'rituals' to the two chopped off trees using the articles generally used for the conduct of 'last rites', people who had gathered, paid their 'tributes' by offering rose flowers and garlands to the two felled trees. They prayed that the trees come alive again. They also took a pledge not to allow felling of trees in the future, come what may.

Speaking on the occasion, Bhamy V. Shenoy of MGP, wondered what the Forest Department and other concerned Government Bodies were doing when the fully grown trees were felled down.

Maintaining that the authorities have the powers to penalise Rs. 50,000 per tree for those who unauthorisedly cut down trees, he said that the penalty for the culprits must be more than trebled as a deterrent for tree fellers and they should also be prosecuted.

Strongly condemning the chopping of two Gulmohar trees, Shenoy said that all the concerned authorities should make collective efforts for preventing felling of trees and thus save nature and the environment which are facing real threat due to indiscreet felling of trees for the sake of development and other reasons.

He warned that an 'Appiko' type Movement will be launched if the Government, private parties or other agencies come forward for chopping down trees.

Yadavagiri Corporator D.V. Ravindra, activists Suman Bhamy V. Shenoy, Parashuramegowda, Dr. S. Ranganath, Srikanth Kotivruksha and others were present.

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They are not to be forgotten...

War Heroes Museum to come up in Kodagu

Cauvery College Gonikoppal to hand over required land

Madikeri, Dec. 26 (Akshay&BCT)- After the resounding success of *Sunny Side*, General Kodandera S. Thimayya Museum and War Memorial in Madikeri that once housed the residence of the celebrated General that is now attracting a steady stream of visitors, thanks to its brilliant collection of war relics and armaments in all the three battlefields — land, water and air — a new War Heroes Museum will come up at Gonikoppal in South Kodagu.

This Museum will be dedicated to all war heroes of Kodagu as it is the land of warriors where the district has contributed largely to the Indian Army. There is at least one person serving in the Army from every family in Kodagu and the tradition continues, though not many youngsters enter the Defence Services now. The proposed Museum will trace the military history of this tiny district and an attempt will be made to showcase the glorious past, inspiring the present and future generations. The Museum will come up at Cauvery College Gonikoppal where two bronze statues of Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa and General K.S. Thimayya have already been installed and inaugurated in November 2018 by the then Chief of the Army Staff General Bipin Rawat who rose to be Chief of Defence Staff (now late). The management of Cauvery College has already agreed to hand over the required land.

A new trust in the name of War Heroes Memorial Trust has been established and Major (Retd.) Biddanda Nanda Nanjappa is its President and Convenor. He is also the Convenor of Field Marshal K.M Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum that played a critical role in establishing the Sunny Side Museum and War Memorial in Madikeri. Other patrons of the Trust are Maj.Gen (Retd.) Kuppanda P. Nanjappa, Lt. Gen. (retd.) Pattacheruvanda C. Thimmaiah and Field Marshal Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum President Col. (Retd.) Kandrathanda C. Subbaiah.

There are over 20 known war heroes from Kodagu who have dedicated themselves for the cause of the nation and there are many more unknown faces and only their names exist in records. Efforts will be made to have each and every war hero from Kodagu featured in this museum and initially, there will be 20 rooms, one each dedicated to every war hero. Each room will be dedicated to a particular regiment from which the war hero hails and the regiments would take the responsibility of filling up the room with defence paraphernalia that symbolise the distinctive character of the regiment where the war hero hailed from. The regiment will also supply photos, weapons and equipment used in the wars.

"Efforts will be made to secure details and memorials of each war hero irrespective of the rank and communities. The only criteria would be that the war hero must be from Kodagu. There are many war heroes who have been awarded Vir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Paramvir Chakra and the Museum intends to disseminate information on such heroes hailing from various regiments," Forum Convener Major (Retd.) Biddanda Nanda Nanjappa told *SOM*.

"We are planning to construct the museum in the shape of a 'Mundhu Mane' (large ancestral house of Kodagu) and rooms will be dedicated to the war heroes," he added.

The Trust aims to complete the museum by 2024 and will be constructed with the help of donors and also the Defence Services. In the past too, the Indian Army has contributed funds to set up the Sunny Side Museum and has pooled in money for the bronze statues installed at Cauvery College.

In fact, CDS late Bipin Rawat had wholeheartedly welcomed the War Hero Museum at Gonikoppal and had assured all help. He had opined that a vibrant museum with a wide range of military equipment and war machines would definitely inspire more and more youths to join the Defence Services.

[NOTE: Names in the photos have not been mentioned as some of them have not been confirmed yet. But all the photos are of Kodagu war heroes]

20 IDENTIFIED WAR HEROES

1	Brigadier Keethyanda Ganapathy	(Military Cross)
2	Lieutenant Colonel Kodanda Devaiah	(Military Cross)
3	Gen. Kodandera S. Thimayya	(Distinguished Service Order)
4	Field Marshal Kodandera M. Cariappa	(Order of the British Empire)
5	Air Marshal Cheppudira D. Subbaiah	(Vir Chakra)
6	Subedar Nadikeriyanda N. Bheemaiah	(Vir Chakra)
7	Squadron Leader Ajjamada B. Devaiah	(Mahavir Chakra)
8	Lieutenant Colonel Anjaparavanda T. Ganapathy	(Vir Chakra)
9	Major General Kuppanda P. Nanjappa	(Vir Chakra)
10	Colonel Mandetira M. Ravi	(Vir Chakra)
11	Flight Lieutenant Mandepanda A. Ganapathy	(Vir Chakra)
12	Squadron Leader Ballachanda C. Karumbaiah	(Vir Chakra)
13	Company Havildar Major Paradanda J. Thimmaiah	(Shaurya Chakra)
14	Lieutenant Colonel Puttichanda S. Ganapathy	(Mahavir Chakra)
15	Captain Chambanda M. Thimmaiah	(Shaurya Chakra)
16	Major C.M. Ganesh	(Shaurya Chakra)
17	Baleyada M. Cariappa	(Vir Chakra)
18	Mangerira C. Muthanna	(Shaurya Chakra)
19	Major B. Ranjan Chengappa	(Shaurya Chakra)
20	Mahesh	(Shaurya Chakra)

Mysuru stands first in settlement of cases at Lok Adalat: HC Judge

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (SBD&DM)- Maintaining that Mysuru stands first in settlement of cases at National Lok Adalat, Karnataka High Court (HC) Judge Veerappa, who is also Mysuru District Administrative Judge, said that Mysuru has an exemplary record of settling a whopping 52,000 cases in Lok Adalat.

He was speaking at an interaction programme organised at Mysuru Bar Association auditorium here on Friday.

Opining that with such a high record of settlement of cases and disputes at the Lok Adalat the people of Mysuru have proved that they stand guard to justice just as our soldiers guard our borders, Justice Veerappa said that this has become possible due to the efforts of 'Nyayamurthi' (Judge) and 'Nyayavadi' (Lawyer).

Contending that the resolution of disputes at the four Lok Adalats held this year has helped the Government save crores of rupees, he said that the next Lok Adalat is scheduled to take place in March next year and Mysuru should retain its first position.

Observing that legal disputes are rising by the day, he said that Judges and Lawyers should act with co-ordination and function like legal warriors for resolution of disputes and suits.

Stressing on the need for erasing the notion among the people that they are not getting justice even after 75 years of independence, Justice Veerappa contended that Lok Adalat is a boon for poor litigants and others seeking justice.

Arguing that food producing farmer, soldiers guarding our borders and the Judiciary which renders justice to the people are vital for the country to move forward, he said just like our soldiers safeguard our borders, Judges and Lawyers should work with determination to save people from enemies within our country. Maintaining that all these are possible if advocates make up their mind, he advised the Lawyers to strive for rendering justice to the people.

Karnataka Bar Council member Chandramouli appealed Justice Veerappa to allow advocates who have fought cases for 3 to 4 years to take part in settlement of disputes during Lok Adalat.

Principal District and Sessions Court Judge M.L. Raghunath, Mysuru Bar Association President Anand Kumar, Secretary B. Shivanna and others were present.

Protesting Guest Lecturers sell *Bajji, Bonda;* Students join stir

Mysuru, Dec. 26 (MTY&DM)- The Guest Lecturers of Government First Grade Colleges, who are on an indefinite stir since Dec.10 seeking regularisation of services and job security, marked their 14th day of protest on Friday by selling refreshments such as *Bajji, Bonda* and Tea in front of the DC's office, the venue of the protest.

Lashing out at the Government for being apathetic to their just demands, the Guest Lecturers raised slogans against the Government. Alleging that the Government has turned a blind eye to their plight, the protestors claimed that a few Guest Lecturers had committed suicide for failing to maintain family out of the meagre wages.

Urging the Government to consider their demands at the earliest, they warned of intensifying the stir if their demands are not met at the earliest.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, KPCC Spokesperson Manjula Manasa, former faculty Prof. Kalachannegowda, Kannada Sahitya Parishat District President Maddikere Gopal, former President M. Chandrashekar and other leaders visited the venue to express support for the stir.

Students too stage protest

Expressing solidarity with the striking Guest Lecturers, over a hundred students under the banner of Students Federation of India (SFI) staged a demonstration near the Deputy Commissioner's office here on Dec. 24.

Pointing out that they are deprived of classes due to the stir, which has hurt their studies and academics, they urged the Government to regularise the services of Guest Lecturers in the interest of students. Maintaining that 60 percent of the teaching faculty in Government Colleges were guest faculty, they said that the stir has severely affected teaching and will jeopardize their performance in exams.

Accusing the State Government of introducing NEP (National Education Policy) in a hurry, they claimed that it was introduced sans any preparations and curriculum. They urged the Government to reconsider its implementation in the interest of students.

SFI office-bearers Vijaykumar, Anand, H.N. Yashwanth, T.M. Harshith and others took part in the protest.

Workshop for small entrepreneurs on Dec.28

Mysuru, Dec. 26- Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), the State Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) will be conducting a day-long workshop for small /medium entrepreneurs of the district at Karnataka Institute for Agricultural Marketing on Hunsur road, opposite B.M. Hospital in the city on Dec.28 at 10 am. KVIB Chairman N.R. Krishnappa Gowda will preside. Entrepreneurs and craftsmen, who are willing to set up small/medium scale industries in manufacturing and service sectors can take part in the workshop, according to a press release.

N'gud temple records Rs. 2.15 cr. *hundi* collection

Nanjangud, Dec. 26- The famed Srikanteshwara temple in the temple town of Nanjangud has recorded a *hundi* collection of Rs. 2.15 crore.

All the 21 *hundis* of the temple were opened and counted on Friday, during which Rs. 2,15, 80,467 was found in cash.

This apart, 108 gms of gold, 5.75 kg of silver and 29 foreign currency notes were found.

Banned currency notes of Rs. 500 too found

Also, 64 banned currency notes of face value Rs.500 was discovered.

The staff of Bank of Baroda, members of women self-help groups and the temple staff took part in the counting.

WORD OF THE DAY

Venerate

Pronunciation: VEN-uh-rayt.
Meaning: Venerate means "to feel or show deep respect and honour for someone or something."
Origin: Venerate comes from the Latin root venerārī, which has the various meanings of "to solicit the good will of," "to worship," "to pay homage to," and "to hold in awe." That root is related to Venus, which, as a proper noun, is the name of the Roman goddess of love and beauty.
Example: "But for those of us who venerate the written word, ... a lost book is not an insignificant item gone astray.... Its value comes from the story and who we were and what we learned when we first encountered it." — Ana Veciana-Suarez

THE ODD WORD

Vaccary

Dairy or cow pasture.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Variety is the spice of life

Meaning: When you use the phrase 'Variety is the spice of life' you mean that doing a lot of different things and interacting with all sorts of people, etc. is a way to make life more interesting.
Origin: The phrase 'variety is the spice of life' was first seen in 1785, in William Cowper's poem The Task: "Variety is the very spice of life, that gives it all its flavor."
Example: "I know we usually spend summers at the beach, but I'm thinking we should try camping. After all, variety is the spice of life."

QUOTE BOX

The purpose of our lives is to be happy. — **Dalai Lama**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

WINEEE

Answer: Win with ease.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Rsrv. Bk. of India
4 Search carefully
8 Arrow
12 Spanish gold
13 Such an excuse might not be believed!
14 Jewel-stone
15 Succeeded
16 A tall annual herb used as a soup ingredient
17 White metal
18 Exchanges or barters
20 Red Indian tribe
22 Cat sound
25 Kerala festival
28 Country, once Basutoland
31 English county
33 Novelist Rand
34 Magnetic Resonance Imaging
36 23rd letter of the Hebrew alphabet
37 Under ___ : in secrecy?
40 Cocktail of gin and vermouth
43 Fencing sword
44 One of Captain Hook's men
45 National Weather Serv.
47 Dwarf or goblin
51 Flat circular plate
54 A sea-fog - "Ahar" anagram ?
57 Pad of loose material
58 S. Indian snack
59 ___ fixe : an obsession ?
60 No Computed Data
61 British nobleman
62 A little nuisance!
63 The Old Man and The ___ : Ernest Hemingway's famous novel?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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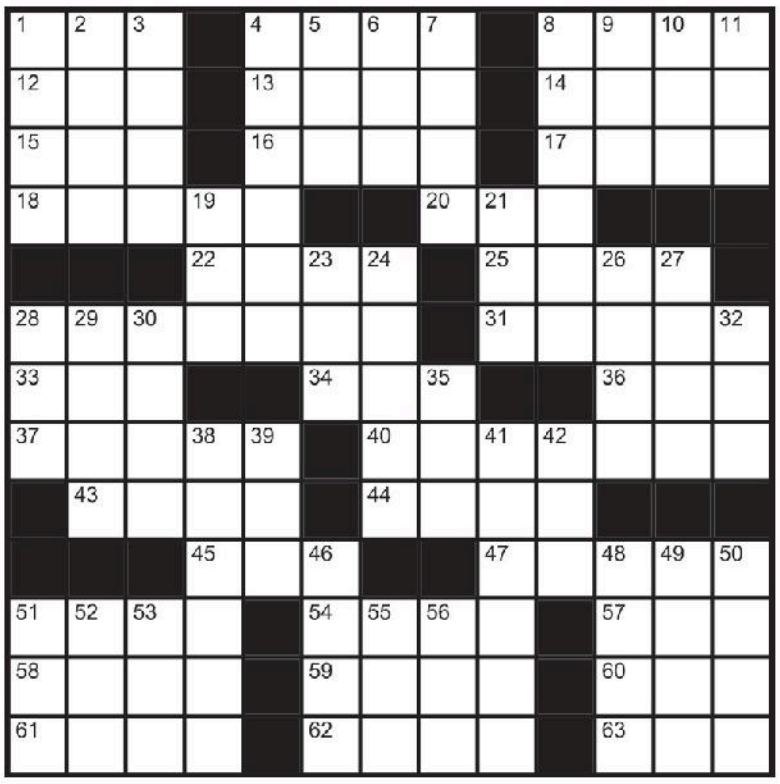
DOWN

1 Commotions
2 Forehead
3 Scottish island
4 Small cupboard or room
5 Acorn bearer
6 Multi-Mode receiver
7 Male admirer
8 Sets of twelve
9 Air Pollution Index
10 Sped; took a single
11 Gentle handling, initially
19 Prime Minister's Off.
21 A foot division
23 Resistance unit
24 Creeping insects
26 Italian wine city
27 ___, mode or median: statistical averages?
28 Jurisprudence?
29 Charlotte Bronte's Jane ___
30 Camera shot
32 Sixteen in Roman numerals
35 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
38 Writing implement
39 Use a needle
41 Rue
42 Decimal base
46 Seagoing vessel
48 Has or possesses
49 Staff
50 Scandinavian books
51 Pass away
52 Gilbertian princess
53 Camera type
55 Fruit drink
56 Roman bronze



SUDOKU

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7		4				9		6
	8			7			2	
	4		5		9		3	
	1			3			6	
8		2				4		1
		9		1		2		
			3		2			

Answer to previous puzzle

7	2	8	6	1	9	5	3	4
5	1	9	4	2	3	8	6	7
6	4	3	7	8	5	1	9	2
8	3	7	1	4	6	2	5	9
9	5	2	3	7	8	4	1	6
4	6	1	5	9	2	3	7	8
2	9	6	8	3	1	7	4	5
3	8	4	9	5	7	6	2	1
1	7	5	2	6	4	9	8	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

U LGX'B VXGE H FSBBSI QISQHIHBUGX PGI ZUPS

BYHX ZGJS GP QGSBID HXL H KGGL LUKSNBUGX.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To the mass of mankind religion of some kind is a necessity.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Drishya 2 (K)- 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — **Ph: 2452958**
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Rider (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 9900820093**
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Shyam Sing Roy (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (Te)- 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Ph: 2497199**
  Pushpa: The Rise – Part 1 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Sterling Theatre** — **Ph: 2481170**
  The Matrix Resurrections (E)- 4 Shows
- **Uma Theatre** — **Ph: 2520009**
  Break Failure (K) 2 Shows; Love Killer Trap (H) - 2 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

83 (H-3D)	(S-1)	10 am, 9.55 pm; (S-4) 4.05 pm
83 (H-2D)	(S-3)	6.55 pm
83 (K-2D)	S-4)	1.00 pm
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Pushpa: The Rise - Part 1 (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm

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Spiderman: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.05 pm, 3.20 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.50 pm
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Shyam Sing Roy (Te)	(S-3)	9.35 pm
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Rider (K)	:	10.05 am, 3.55 pm, 9.50 pm
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Shyam Singha Roy (Te-2D)	:	12.10 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	1.05 pm, 6.55 pm
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Rider (K)	(S-2)	10 am, 12.50 pm, 6.30 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	(S-3)	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-4)	12.55 pm
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EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 26)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **up to 8.30 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 8.30 pm;** Cultural programme, music programme by playback singers Ajay Warier, Sriharsha, Vyasraj, Ankita Kundu, Sunitha Jogi and Divya Ramachandra, Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Special Handloom and 124th Handicrafts Exhibition, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus from KSRTC Bus Stand - No: 117]
- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **JSS Hospital:** Inauguration of Oxygen Generator & Liquid Medical Oxygen Plant by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, releasing of JSS Shravana Mithra App by Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar and releasing of COVID-19 Compendium by Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Sri Rajendra Centenary Hall, **3.30 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Sri M. Venkatakrishnaiah's (Thathaiah) 177th Jayantyotsava and Anathalaya:** Conferring of Sri M. Venkatakrishnaiah Award on Prof. A.V. Narasimhamurthy (Indologist and former Head, Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore), Anathalaya President C.V. Gopinath presides, orator Chakravarty Sulibele special invitee, Thathaiah's Anathalaya premises, Narayana Shastri Road, **4 pm.**
- **JSS Ayurveda Medical College:** 'Vishikhanupravesha' Graduation Day, Dr. Sharan Shivaraj Patil, Chairman, SPARSH Group of Hospitals, Bengaluru, delivers Graduation Day address, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Mysuru, presides, R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, guest of honour, Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Nritya Kala Parishat:** Nrityothsava in memory of Natyacharya M. Vishnudas, Bharatanatyam by Vidu. K.N. Seema, student of Natyacharya late M. Vishnudas, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by students of Vidu. Usha Venugopal of Noopura Nrutyanjali School of Dance, Chamarajanagar, **6.15 pm;** Bharatanatyam by students of Vid. Unnat Jain of Natyakala Nivas Institute of Dance, Hassan, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **7.15 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Noopura Kalavidaru Samskrutika Trust and Department of Kannada & Culture, Government of Karnataka:** 'Noopurotsava' in memory of Natyacharya late M. Vishnudas, Bharatanatyam by Vid. K.R. Vishwadeepa, son and disciple of Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam by S. Rashmi, disciple of Guru Chethan Hebbar, Vasudevacharya Bhavan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Krishna Ganasabha:** Historical drama 'Sri Krishnadevaraya' by Rangananda Kala Sangha, Mysuru (Direction: Sri Rangaswamy) in memory of Byadarahalli B. Subbaraj Urs, Puduvattu programme instituted by B.S. Sridhar Raj Urs, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Maddikere Gopal inaugurates, Alwar Kala Bhavan, Sri Krishna Temple premises, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **6 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of play 'Choracharanadasa,' Natana School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Mookana Makkalu' by junior artistes of Rangayana, Mysuru, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sanchalana Mysore:** Sanchalana Rangotsava, staging of play 'Pretagalu' (written by T.G. Raghava), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 27)

- **Mysore Palace Board:** Palace Flower Show, **10 am to 8.30 pm;** Palace illumination, **7 pm to 8.30 pm;** Cultural programme, commemorating 75th year of Indian Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav), vocal recital by *Sangeetha Vidyanidhi* Dr. Vidyabhushana, illustrations by National Award winning artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, dance feature by internationally-acclaimed artiste Vid. Sridhar Jain and troupe, Palace premises, **7 pm to 9 pm.**
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Harbhajan Singh retires from all forms of cricket

Harbhajan Singh

New Delhi, Dec. 26- Off-spinner Harbhajan Singh on Friday announced retirement from all forms of competitive cricket.

The 41-year-old from Punjab took 417 wickets in 103 Tests, 269 wickets in 236 ODIs and 25 scalps in 28 T20Is in his illustrious career. In the IPL across 13 seasons for Mumbai Indians, Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders, he has scalped 150 wickets in 163 matches.

Harbhajan, who made his India debut during an ODI against New Zealand at Sharjah in 1998, last played for the country in March, 2016 during a T20I against the UAE at Dhaka.

Harbhajan was an integral member of the 2007 T20 World Cup and the 2011 ODI World Cup winning team.

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